

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/659,254
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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 1. The attached sheet of drawings replaces the original sheet including FIG. 1. The legends "IN" and "OUT" have been added to FIG.

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REMARKS:

Claims 3 and 4 are currently being examined, both of which have been amended herein.

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer as to their subject matter.

The Examiner has noted that claims 3 and 4 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over US Patent No. 5,982,143
(Stuart).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer as to their subject
matter.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, it is respectfully
submitted that all claims currently being examined are in condition for allowance, which action, at
an early date, is requested.

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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due now or in the future with respect to this application, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Replacement Sheet of Drawing (Fig. 1)